

WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY!



**ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER PARISH
ПАРАФІЯ СВ. МИКОЛАЯ ЧУДОТВОРЦЯ**

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**ДВАДЦЯТЬ П'ЯТА НЕДІЛЯ ПІСЛЯ П'ЯТИДЕСЯТНИЦІ
TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Dearly beloved in Christ! In listening or reading these words, [about the elements of a vibrant parish] many of you may ask: who will implement these important and much needed initiatives? Who will ensure that our parishes are truly vibrant? The bishop, perhaps? Maybe our pastor together with other members of the clergy? Perhaps this is partially the work of catechists or consecrated religious if their monastery is located on the territory of the parish? The answer to this question is simple: each and every one of us is responsible for the renewal of our parish communities. Christ's commandments apply to all faithful Christians without exception. Together, we all form the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. That is why all of us need to be "living stones" as we build our parish community, through which the Church is present where we live.

*(His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Pastoral Letter
"The Vibrant Parish - a place to encounter the Living Christ")*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY!

SUNDAY HYMNS	
OPENING HYMN	Увійди Архирею / Come My Friends pg. 238-239
COMMUNION HYMN	Витай Між Нами / With Solemn Greeting, Welcome the Lord pg. 244-245
CLOSING HYMN	О Спомай Нас / Always Protect Us pg. 364-366

Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!

SUNDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE		
SUNDAY, November 6	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish	10:00 AM
MONDAY, November 7	NO SERVICES	*****
TUESDAY, November 8	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, November 9	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
THURSDAY, November 10	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom	9:00 AM
FRIDAY, November 11	NO SERVICES	*****
SATURDAY, November 12	NO SERVICES	*****
SUNDAY, November 13	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish	10:00 AM

Please Note: to request a Divine Liturgy for a special intention, please see Fr. Yuriy to arrange for it!

SUNDAY EPISTLE READERS			
DATE	READING	UKRAINIAN	ENGLISH
SUNDAY, November 6	Eph. 4: 1-6	Motria Koropecy	Caroline Smudy
SUNDAY, November 13	Eph. 5: 9-19	Yuliya Pelekhata	Rita Vanderven
SUNDAY, November 20	Eph. 6: 10-17	Glikeria Iwanuck	Darryl Huculak
SUNDAY, November 27	Col. 1: 12-18	Andrij Pelekhaty	Graciela Spaciuk-Schwarz

Thank you, Epistle readers, for your service in proclaiming God's Word!

PARISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE	PASTORAL MINISTRY & HOLY MYSTERIES
CHAIRPERSON..... Alec Rossa - 250.472.3374	CONFESSIONS..... 1/2 hour before Liturgy
VICE-CHAIRPERSON..... Darlene DeMerchant - 250.727.3837	EUCCHARIST..... for the sick - any time
SECRETARY..... Cindy Lazaruk - 778.677.9072	BAPTISMS..... by appointment
TREASURER..... William Vanderven - 250.478.1458	MARRIAGES..... six months notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made
FINANCIAL SECRETARY..... David Newberry - 250.598.8197	FUNERALS..... by appointment
FUNDRAISING/HALL RENTAL..... Robert Herchak - 250.386.7872	ANOINTING..... any time
MAINTENANCE..... Murray Chapman - 250.658.4769	HOSPITAL VISITS..... any time
LITURGICAL COMMITTEE... Motria Koropecy - 250.658.3051	
MEMBER AT LARGE..... Caroline Smudy - 778.440.9419	
VIBRANT PARISH..... Darlene DeMerchant - 250.727.3837	

Bequests & Wills: Leaving a bequeath is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process. In your kindness please remember St Nicholas the Wonderworker Ukrainian Catholic Church in your bequeath and will. If anyone wishes to make such a bequeath in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to St Nicholas the Wonderworker Ukrainian Catholic Parish - 1112 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria BC, V8T 1G1, the sum of \$ _____ (or _____% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the parish and it's pastoral activities."

Vibrant Parish Prayer

O God, Creator of Heaven and Earth! Because of your indescribable love for us, you sent your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ - The Way, The Truth, and The Life - and our Salvation. In His name, we turn to You. Strengthen our hearts and minds in Christian love and in unity of purpose as we strive to build a Vibrant Parish. Give us the grace to model our lives according to the Word of God. Instill in us the desire to pray and to celebrate the Holy Mysteries as one Christian Family in our Parish Community. Inspire us to follow Your great command to be a servant to the less fortunate among us! Grant this, O Lord, through the mercies and love for mankind of Your Only-Begotten Son with whom You are blessed, together with Your All-Holy, Good and Life-Giving Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen!



THE VIBRANT PARISH
A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST
Through the word, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer,
Serving One's Neighbor, Leadership
Fostering & Serving Unity and Missionary Spirit
(His Beatitude Sviatoslav)



Молитва Живої Парафії

Господи Ісусе Христе, Пастирю Добрий, як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овечок, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа, щоб вона була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скріплюй нас Твоєю присутністю та єднай нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоєю мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилось, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

DIVINE LITURGY PROPERS

The Divine Liturgy - An Anthology for Worship: Liturgy - pg. 388-461; propers - pg. 357

Troparion, Tone 8: You came down from oh high, O Merciful One,* and accepted three days of burial* to free us from our sufferings.* O Lord, our life and our resurrection,* glory be to You.

Glory: Kontakion, Tone 8: When You rose from the tomb,* You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam.* Eve exults in Your resurrection,* and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead,* O most merciful One.

Now: Theotokion, Tone 8: To you, O Mother of God,* the invincible leader,* we, your servants, ascribe these victory hymns* in thanksgiving for our deliverance from evil.* With your invincible power free us from all dangers* that we may cry out to you:* "Hail, O bride, and pure Virgin!"

Prokeimenon, Tone 8: Pray and give thanks to the Lord our God. *Verse:* In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Epistle - Eph. 4:1-6 - A Reading from the Letter of Saint Apostle Paul to Ephesians: Brothers and Sisters, I a prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Alleluia, Tone 8: *Verse:* Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour. *Verse:* Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms.

Gospel - Luke 10:25-37 - At that time a scholar of the law approached Jesus to test him and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.



Тропар, глас 8: З висоти зійшов Ти, Милосердний,* і триденне погребення прийняв Ти,* щоб нас звільнити від страждань.* Життя і воскресіння наше,* Господи, слава Тобі.

Слава: Кондак, глас 8: Коли Ти воскрес із гробу,* то й померлих підняв,* і Адама воскресив,* радіє Єва воскресінням Твоїм* і кінці світу прославляють* Твоє з мертвих воскресіння,* Багатомилостивий.

І нині: Богородичний, глас 8: Тобі, вибраній Владарці,* подячні пісні перемоги співаємо* ми, вратовані від лиха,* слуги Твої, Богородице.* Ти, що маєш силу нездоланну,* захорони нас від усяких бід, щоб звати нам:* Радуйся, Невісто, Діво чистая!

Прокімен, глас 8: Помоліться і хвалу віддайте* Господеві, Богу нашому. *Стих:* Відомий Бог у Юдеї, в Ізраїлі велике ім'я Його.

Апостол - Еф. 4:1-6 - До Ефесян Послання Святого Апостола Павла Читання: Браття і сестри, благаю вас я, Господній в'язень, поводитися достойно покликання, яким вас візвано, в повноті покори й лагідності, з довготерпеливістю, терплячи один одного в любові, стараючися зберігати єдність духа зв'язком миру. Одне бо тіло, один дух, айв одній надії вашого покликання, яким ви були візвані. Один Господь, одна віра, одне хрищення. Один Бог і Отець усіх, що над усіма й через усіх і в усіх.

Аллилуя, глас 8: *Стих:* Прийдімо з похвалами пере обличчя Його, і псалмами воскликнім Йому. *Стих:* Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах.

Євангеліє - Лука 10:25-37 - У той час приступив до Ісуса один законовчитель, щоб його випробувати, та й каже: “Учителю, що мені робити, щоб вічне життя досягнути?” А Ісус мовив до нього: “В законі що написано? Як там читаєш?” Озвався той і каже: “Люби Господа, Бога твого, всім серцем твоїм, усією твоєю душею і всією силою твоєю і всією думкою твоєю; а ближнього твого, як себе самого.” “Ти добре відповів”, сказав (Ісус), “роби це й будеш жити.” Та той, бажаючи себе самого виправдати, каже до Ісуса: “А хто мій ближній?” Мовив тоді Ісус, кажучи: “Один чоловік спускався з Єрусалиму до Єрихону й потрапив розбійникам, що його обдерли й побили тяжко та й пішли геть, залишивши півмертвого. Випадком ішов якийсь священник тією дорогою; побачив він його й, збочивши, пройшов мимо. Так само й левіт прийшов на те місце, глянув на нього й пройшов мимо. Але один самарянин, що був у дорозі, зненацька надійшов (на нього) й, побачивши його, змилосердився. Він приступив до нього, перев'язав йому рани, полив їх оливою і вином; потім посадив його на власну скотину, привів до заїзду й доглянув за ним. На другий день він вийняв два динари, дав їх господареві й мовив: Доглядай за ним, і те, що витратиш на нього більше, я заплачу тобі, коли повернуся. Хто з оцих трьох, на твою

думку, був ближнім тому, що потрапив розбійникам у руки?” Він відповів: “Той, хто вчинив над ним милосердя.” Тоді Ісус сказав до нього: “Іди і ти роби так само.”

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліте Його на висотах. Алилуя, алилуя, алилуя!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **WE WELCOME His Excellency Bishop Ken (Nowakowski) and Deacon Mykhailo Ozorovych** who are joining us today for Sunday Liturgy.

◆ **ST. NICHOLAS VIBRANT PARISH MEETING:** today right after the Divine Liturgy (& lunch) we meet at the parish hall to participate in a follow-up Vibrant Parish conference.

◆ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to JOHN NEWBERRY, JOHN TIDBURY and all those who celebrated their birthdays this past week. May the Lord Our God continue to bless you abundantly and the Holy Mother of God protects you at all times. Многая Літа!

◆ **UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY FUNDRAISING GALA:** November 11 in Vancouver at Sutton Place Hotel (845 Burrard Str). Today UCU is not only a flagship of reform in higher education but is an acknowledged leader in the transformation of Ukrainian society. The university is setting the highest academic standards while being in the forefront of social responsibility. For more information about UCU please visit www.ucu.edu.ua

◆ **“INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY ADDICTION - A CATHOLIC APPROACH TO TREATMENT”:** Sr. Marysia Weber, R.S.M., D.O., a Religious Sister of Mercy of Alma, Michigan, is a physician certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. Sr. Marysia will be visiting our Diocese in November and will speak on this topic. All are welcome to attend. **Dates:** Wed, Nov 16 - 7pm - Ascension parish, Parksville // Thu, Nov 17 - 7pm - St. Joseph the Worker, Victoria.

◆ **TRAVELING ICON:** Anyone interested in gracing their home with Christ The Teacher Icon can call Darlene DeMerchant at [250.727.3837](tel:250.727.3837)

◆ **JOIN OUR CHOIR:** Do you enjoy singing? Please consider joining our St Nicholas Parish Choir and remember that we ALWAYS looking for new members! Contact Motria Koropecky for details at [250.658.3051](tel:250.658.3051)

◆ **CATECHISM ANNOUNCEMENT:** *"And they were bringing to Him also the infants, in order that He may be touching them; but after the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, Let alone the little children to come to Me, and cease hindering them; for of such is the kingdom of God."* We are happy to welcome all children to our St. Nicholas The Wonderworker catechism program. Weekly classes are scheduled

Sunday morning during Divine Liturgy. We want your children to learn more about their Catholic faith, sacred scripture, feast days, and religious practices and customs of the Ukrainian Catholic church. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marian Chalifoux at [250.507.1005](tel:250.507.1005)

◆ **PRAYER REQUEST:** Please keep in your prayers members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community.

◆ **THRIFTY'S PRE-PAID FOOD CARDS** - We all have to buy groceries. Why not have 6% of it returned back to the church at no extra charge! Cards are available in \$100, \$200, and \$500 denominations. Talk to Alec after today's liturgy to pre- order your cards. We need to sell A LOT of them! We encourage you to consider purchasing them for yourselves as gifts too.

◆ **SUNDAY COFFEE VOLUNTEERS** act as hosts and serve light refreshments following the Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, providing an opportunity for the faithful to socialize with friends and visitors following their shared worship experience. We thank all of our parishioners who kind volunteer to serve refreshments. Whether you are new to the Parish, or are a long-time members, please join us for coffee.

◆ **BE A STEWARD:** Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish? Here are some suggestions: Steward of property security; Steward of grounds cleaning; Steward of cleaning church; Steward of church linen; Steward of outreach; Steward of caring; Steward of prayer; Steward of service. Quite often, our homebound or senior members, once active in their younger years, want to find purpose in their senior years. It's not only about doing but about "BEING" present to others. Contact Fr. Yuriy **OR** Darlene DeMerchant for more information. You will be amazed how "BEING" can make a difference.

◆ **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 DONATION:** Coffee: \$41.00; Vigil lights: \$12.45; Loose collection: \$35.00; Envelope collection: \$701.00; Pre-authorized payments Oct 24 to Oct 30: \$120.00

CHRISTMAS FOOD FAIR FOOD PREPARATION SCHEDULE			
Wed. Nov. 9	Make, bake & bag kolachi	8:30 am-3:00 pm	Need 5-6 volunteers
Wed. Nov. 16	Other baking: TBD	TBD	Need 3-5 volunteers
Thu. Nov. 17	Other baking: TBD	TBD	Need 3-5 volunteers
Looking forward to another successful Christmas Food Fair. Many, many thanks for everyone's anticipated help. May God Bless You.			
For more info contact Robert Herchak at 250.386.7872 or email rlherchak@gmail.com			

PATRIARCHAL SOBOR RESOLUTIONS

**Resolutions of the Patriarchal Sobor on the theme:
“The vibrant parish – a place to encounter the living Christ”**

(25-27 August, 2015; Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine)

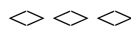
THE WORD OF GOD

- Encourage priests to become familiar with various methods and practices in the UGCC for reading Sacred Scripture, and to apply them in parishes.
- Establish Bible groups and circles in parishes so that the faithful might have an opportunity to better understand the Holy Scriptures and explain them to others.
- Encourage priests to take into consideration the presence of children when explaining the Word of God.
- Make use of modern mass media technologies when proclaiming the Word of God and conducting catechesis.
- So that the faithful might more fully experience and understand the Good News proclaimed each Sunday, priests should print the changeable parts of the Divine Liturgy for their parishioners.
- Encourage the practice of prayerful reading of the Holy Scriptures in a family circle.
- Utilize a variety of best practices to popularize the reading of Sacred Scriptures.



CATECHESIS

- Parish communities shall make every effort to ensure that catechesis is made a top priority for the parish, and that consideration is given to all age groups (children, teenagers, youth, adults) and social groups, regardless of the number of persons present.
- Establish Parent Advisory Councils in parishes to promote and develop catechesis.
- In parishes lacking organized catechesis create catechetical schools (programs) and engage catechists to serve in them.
- Organize camps, both external and parochial, as special occasions for catechesis.
- Introduce systematic catechization of adults based on the UGCC Adult Catechumenate Program.



MISSIONARY SPIRIT

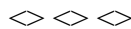
- Encourage the creation of different communities in a parish, through which the faithful can become more open to others and ready to witness about Christ.
- Encourage families, which form the parish community, to take an active part in missionary activity (e.g. in volunteer projects).

- Encourage the restoration of Christian family traditions (e.g. praying together, sharing meals, and attending Sunday liturgies together).
- Encourage parishioners to invite their friends and acquaintances to take part in the life of parish communities (e.g. invite friends for common prayer, vigils, and other events that take place in parishes).
- Encourage priests to hold retreats (and other events) on the theme of mission.
- Call upon parishioners to joyfully witness their faith – to evangelize.
- Create and regularly maintain a book of parishioners (database with their contact information to facilitate a pastor's contact with his faithful).
- On a parish level, when celebrating the Patronal Feast, encourage extending the festivities beyond the liturgical services in the form of fellowship through community celebration and the sharing of a common meal.
- Organize meetings for the sharing of faith among different age groups of parishioners (family meetings, youth meetings, etc.).
- Establish a parish notice board where the faithful can post prayer requests.



LITURGY

- Introduce liturgical catechesis and preaching in parishes. Elaborate an educational strategy to explain liturgical services to the faithful, choosing an appropriate time and method (before or after the Divine Liturgy, handing out printed commentaries, explanations, engaging trained laity).
- Care for the beauty of liturgical singing, pay attention to the diction and clarity of the cantor, to proper amplification, encourage all the faithful to participate in singing during liturgical celebration.
- Engage children in the liturgical life of the parish, entrusting them with different duties.
- Ensure that liturgical books are available in the parish community and the faithful are provided with texts for liturgical services held in the parish.



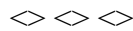
PRAYER

- Call upon the clergy to give a personal example of prayer for the parish community.
- Encourage children and youth to take an active part in parish liturgical services and educate them in this spirit.
- Take care that prayers and liturgical services in parishes are scheduled at a time that is convenient for the people, including in the evenings.
- In parishes organize brotherhoods for men and provide for their spiritual formation.



COMMUNION-UNITY

- Encourage the parish community to hold common liturgical services, prayers, and different celebrations (Christmas, sharing of kutia, blessing of food) to promote unity among all parishioners.
- Stress on the importance of unity to children and youth, in parish schools and during other community gatherings (at Christian camps, during meetings, conferences, forums, ecological projects, campaigns, Olympiads, and contests).
- Organize various parish events (common meals, master-classes, sport activities, ecological campaigns) and inform one another about needs and mutual help.
- Be open and accessible to new members of the parish, sensitive to their needs.
- Create a parish web site or social network page.
- Organize encounters for parishioners, where under their priest's guidance they would be able to discuss how they see their parish, express their wishes and expectations (e.g. at pastoral planning meetings, meetings of parish councils, etc.).
- If possible, a priest should meet with the people every Sunday after Divine Liturgy.



SERVING ONE'S NEIGHBOUR

- Call the parish community to social service as an important manifestation of our faith.
- Set up social councils, "Caritas" organization centres or appoint individuals responsible for organizing social service in parishes.
- We recommend that parish councils include programs of social service in their planning.
- Call upon parishes to help priests and individuals engaged in prison ministry.
- Encourage the parish community to care for the elderly.
- Encourage parish communities abroad to help emigrants from Ukraine in questions of law, language, employment and the implementation of state programs.



LEADERSHIP

- Establish parish pastoral and financial councils (where they do not exist), hold transparent elections to existing councils and inform the parish community about their activity.
- Provide community for individuals of different professions in a parish, in order to engage them in a variety of ministries and volunteer work.
- Encourage the publication of an informational parish bulletin.



STEWARDSHIP

- Call upon the pastor to closely cooperate with his parishioners.
- Recommend that priests continuously inform the parish community on the activity of the parish.
- Call upon the parish community to pay special attention to families in dire social need.

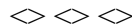
- Recommend that parishes engage consecrated persons (sisters and brothers) to conduct retreats, parish schools, etc.
- Encourage the proliferation of parish advisory services, engaging professionals in different spheres (priests, psychologists, lawyers, etc.).

EPARCHIAL SOBOR RESOLUTIONS

(13-15 November, 2014; Vancouver)

Recognizing the **Word of God** as the key element in our relationship with God, in order to deepen our understanding of the Holy Scriptures, and the truths of our faith, resolve:

- On the personal level, to take time for daily reading of the Bible
- On the parish level, to encourage a Bible study program and Catechism
- On the eparchial level, to provide a variety of programs for parish use



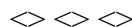
Recognizing that the treasure of our **liturgical life** needs to be revived and explained, resolve:

- On the personal level, to set a good example by fully participating in the liturgical life of the parish
- On the parish level, to provide a variety of Divine Services along with a proper explanation of them
- On the eparchial level, to ensure that all the parishes are assisted with the resources necessary



Recognizing that the liturgical celebration and expression of the faith naturally extends to “**service of neighbour**”, resolve:

- On the personal level, to be sensitive and responsive to those in need
- On the parish level, to identify and address the needs within the parish community and in the community at large
- On the eparchial level, to assist parishes in their service programs and continue to provide information on the needs of the global community



Recognizing **leadership** as service to God and the community, according to the personal gifts and talents of each individual, resolve:

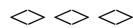
- On the personal level, to be open to take on roles of leadership when needed

- On the parish level, to create opportunities and encourage the faithful to exercise their spiritual leadership in service of the Christian community
- On the eparchial level, to provide formation programs promoting servant-leadership



Recognizing that **community** reflects the life of the Trinity, resolve:

- On the personal level, to be aware of our human diversity and manage it in a creative way
- On the parish level, to provide opportunities for the faithful to share and connect, and for parishes to create structures to keep contact with those who don't come on a regular basis
- On the eparchial level, to coordinate inter-parish activities, pilgrimages, retreats, etc., have a public relations office to communicate our services and events between parishes, and reach out to other churches



Recognizing our call to **spread the Good News** to those who have yet to hear it, and to evangelize those who have fallen away, resolve:

- On the personal level, to reflect our faith in all aspects of our life
- On the parish level, to create outreach programs to invite others and ensure they feel welcome
- On the eparchial level, to provide guidance and leadership so that our presence in British Columbia can be more visible and inviting to all

ST. NICHOLAS VIBRANT PARISH POST SOBOR CONFERENCE
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Welcome: Alec

Blessing of Food: Bishop Ken

Post Sobor Conference Agenda: Darlene will review the agenda **3-5min**

Introduction by Bishop Ken: **10 min**

Evaluation of Implementation of Resolutions in our Parish: **20 min**

THEME: COUNT OUR BLESSINGS

How have these priorities been realized in our parish and how have we engaged parishioners to a more vibrant participation in the mission of our parish?

The Word of God and Catechesis

“Teaching the truths of the faith and their role in everyday life.”

Marian

Liturgy and Prayer

“Participation in liturgical, sacramental and prayer life for the sanctification of the People of God.”

Motria

Service to one’s Neighbor

“Giving attention to those in need, both within the parish and in the world.”

Robert

Leadership – Stewardship

“The ministry of the Bishop and the clergy with the cooperation of the laity in the stewardship of gifts (time, talent, treasure) for the common good.”

Alec

Communion - Unity

“Fostering spiritual unit in the Church of Christ and promoting the unity of all Christians.”

Fr Yuriy

Missionary Spirit

“Witnessing to a life in Christ, while inviting others to participate.”

Fr Yuriy

Opportunities for our parish to implement the Vibrant Parish: **20min**

ST. NICHOLAS VIBRANT PARISH	Internal Factors	Inside our parish	External Factors	Outside our parish
	<i>Strengths</i>	<i>Challenges</i>	<i>Strengths</i>	<i>Challenges</i>
Word of God & Catechesis				
Liturgical Life & Prayer				
Serving One’s Neighbour				

Keeping our strengths, opportunities and challenges in mind, what can what might be possible to better fulfill our mission as a Church? Examples of what can be done. 20min

ST. NICHOLAS VIBRANT PARISH		Possibilities
Word of God & Catechesis	Think about the parish, children, youth, adults, parents and family, seniors, in union with other parishes and Eparchy, in union with other Christians, and in the world	
Liturgical Life & Prayer	In the parish community and with different groups in the parish children, youth, adults, parents/families and seniors, in union with other parishes and Eparchy, in union with other Christians, and in the world	
Serving One's Neighbour	In the parish community and with different groups in the parish children, youth, adults, parents/families and seniors, in union with other parishes and Eparchy, in union with other Christians, and in the world	

Concrete Plan of Action. Begin to create a Pastoral Plan of Action for each proposal/possibility. 20min

What	Who	Where	When	How	With Whom?	What is the aim or goal?

Q & A & CONCLUSION:

Closing prayer: "Vibrant Parish" (pg. 3)

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